St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter

Nurturing Hearts and Minds

Worship Reflection

Flags can be used for many things, to represent a group, or country, as a symbol, as part of a message or just for decoration. They can mean different things to each of us, it is important that we learn and understand the importance in their uses around us.

Heavenly Father,

We pray for wisdom for the Queen, the Prime Minister and the Cabinet. We pray for integrity, truth and compassion throughout Government. We pray for the positive influence of God's people for the good of all throughout all Government departments. We pray that the UK Government would be a strong force for good in foreign policy and bringing relief to those suffering throughout the world.

Amen.

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday this week to: Isabella Kay, Dontae Hayes & Joshua Kay.

Hothersall Lodge

The trip to Hothersall Lodge for Year 6 has now been set up in Parentmail. Please be aware that the deposit of £75 needs to be paid by Monday 26th April at the latest and the final balance needs to be paid by Friday 14th May. Thank you.

I hope that you all had a good time over Easter and you got to enjoy some of the lightening of restrictions. At the moment the guidance for schools hasn't changed much but I am hoping that as the term goes on and the we travel further down the road map that we will be able to start meeting together in bigger groups. We are allowing volunteers in school and parents into school for face to face meetings. We are aiming to go back to the same arrangements for lunchtime that we had before Christmas at half term. That means that school meal children will be able to go back onto the full menu and eat in the hall. The office will be in touch with menu options.

Meanwhile school is calm, happy and industrious. It is amazing how children adapt. I was observing the way Reception Class children were beavering away first thing this morning. Their missed schooling certainly wasn't evident in the way they all settled down to work.

This Sunday's gospel talks of God being like a shepherd who risks his life to save his sheep and we are encouraged to join the flock but to also be like the shepherd and look after those that need it. No matter what we are going through we can always find someone who is worse off than ourselves and extend a hand to help them. Doing good for others is great for your own wellbeing and can lift your spirits. I hope the great kindnesses we have witnessed lately ripple out across the world and we look to help our world neighbours now and make the world a fairer, happier place.

Mrs Gallagher

Merit Winners

Congratulations this week to:

Year R – **Esme Halligan** her amazing attitude to everything she does in school & **Arlo Beckett** for giving 100% in all areas.

Year 1 – Luca Townsend Kendal for great reading and writing in school & Abigail Caddens for fabulous writing this week.

Year 2 – **Abigail Fitzpatrick** for perseverance and sustained effort towards her reading. Hard work pays off! & **Alex Carthy** for excellent work with fact families in addition and subtraction work. Fabulous!

Year 3 – **Carter Lee Walker** for working hard in Maths and producing some accurate work on fractions & **Koben Fowler Moore** for writing a super diary entry about the life of an ancient Egyption.

Year 4- Oliver Baldwin for super work in Maths on fractions and decimals & Olive McMullan for super work in Literacy retelling and understanding of the story. Tierney Seaborne

Year 5 – **Tierney Seaborne** for always striving to achieve the highest standards in everything she does & **Bethany Taylor** for excellent work in RE and for always trying her best.

Year 6— **Conor McMullan** for an amazing Lancashire accent and contagious enthusiasm in Literacy & **Helena McLintic** for her sparkling wit and thoughtful contributions to Literacy.

Classes next year

There are a few minor changes in staffing for 2021-2022.

Class	Teacher(s)	Support staff
R	Mrs Bradley	Mrs Hibbert, Mrs Di Franco and Becky Wells Earp
1	Mrs Edmondson Mon-Thurs Mrs Atkinson -Fri	Mrs Swanson, Mrs Hogarth
2	Mrs Briscoe	Mrs Kennedy & Mrs Marshall
3	Mrs Day (Mon-Wed) Mrs Woosey (Thurs-Fri)	Mrs Williams
4	Mrs Wallace	Mrs Pickup
5	Mr Hughes	Mrs Leung, Mrs Jolly and Mrs Henry
6	Miss Brooker	

Jenni Robinson will support with behaviour, learning and emotional difficulties across the school.

Mrs Hogarth will be supporting reading across school.

Miss McNulty and Mrs Atkinson will be covering PPA.